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## City of Palmerston response to COVID-19

City of Palmerston is taking steps to protect the safety of our community during the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation.

It is likely that a number of upcoming Council events will be affected following the Australian Government's recommendation that non-essential gatherings of more than 500 people should not go ahead.

Council is assessing the impacts of this recommendation, while carefully monitoring this evolving situation, in an effort to keep people informed following this advice.

Council will provide updates and details on any affected events or services on its website, [www.palmerston.nt.gov.au](http://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au) and Facebook page.

Council facilities including the Palmerston Library, Swimming and Fitness Centre and the Recreation Centre remain open currently, however we urge members of the public who are feeling unwell to not visit these facilities.

We also urge the community as a whole to practice good hygiene including:

- covering your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue
- disposing of tissues properly
- washing your hands often with soap and water, including before and after eating and after going to the toilet
- using alcohol-based hand sanitisers
- cleaning and disinfecting surfaces
- if you are sick, avoiding contact with others and staying more than 1.5 metres away from people
- clean and sanitise frequently used objects such as mobiles, keys and wallets.

For information and updates on COVID-19 visit <https://secure.nt.gov.au/alerts/coronavirus-covid-19-updates>

### Quote from City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell

*"COVID-19 is challenging the way in which all of us live our daily life, but if we listen to the expert medical advice, we can help to contain the virus and mitigate its impacts on our community."*

*"At this time, we strongly urge our residents, businesses and visitors to keep up-to-date with information and take advice from Northern Territory and Federal health authorities."*

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